



2016 Spring Livestock Show Honoree Doug and Joretta Hudson

Doug was born in Houston, Texas and Joretta was born in Sommersville, Texas. They were both raised in Houston, Texas. In fact, they grew up on the same street as neighbors and fell in love. They were married on August 14, 1965 and have been married for 50 years.

Doug was an involved FFA member and Officer of the FFA Chapter at Aldine High School. He always had a love for agriculture. He also has a love for law enforcement. He joined the Houston Police Department when he was 20 years old. After 26 years of dedicated service, he retired from the Houston Police Department. Two weeks after retirement, he started working for the Harris County Sherriff Department where he still proudly serves as a Lieutenant for the Harris County Sherriff Reserve Command Marine Division.

Joretta has always been a dedicated wife, mom and Grandma to her family. She had been involved in PTO, booster clubs and anything the kids needed. She always made sure her kids were either at band practice, at FFA meetings, 4-H meetings and at the barn where they card for their animals. Her love for the outdoors, gardening and arts and crafts has always benefited her kids in any organizations they were involved in.

Doug and Joretta had two children, Duane and Shelly. They also owned a family farm in Jewitt, Texas, where they visited every weekend and where their love for raising cattle first began. When Duane entered Spring High School, he decided to join FFA. Not long after Duane joined FFA, Shelly joined Spring 4-H. Since both of them had a love for cattle, they both purchased heifers. It was not long after that, they traveled all over Texas to get on the “show circuit” every weekend. It was not unfamiliar for Doug to load and unload other FFA/4-H students in his livestock trailer who traveled with them. We always said it was a caravan coming from Spring, Texas. Duane and Shelly not only showed heifers at Spring Tri- Club Show, they also showed broilers, roasters, turkeys, swine and steers.

In 1984 is when Doug and Joretta became involved in Spring Tri-Club. Doug started serving on the Executive Board and the Board of Directors. He served on many committees, too many to name. Doug served on the Executive Board until 1990 when Shelly graduated from Spring High School. He also served as President and Vice President of the Spring FFA Booster Club. Duane and Shelly were both scholarship recipients of the Spring Tri- Club Show.

Doug and Joretta’s family expanded to six grandkids, Karlie, Kevin, Bryan, Keith, Madison and Blaine. When Kevin was in 3rd grade, he joined Spring 4-H and showed rabbits his first Spring Tri- Club Show. The next year he showed a pig and Karlie joined and started showing swine as well. Keith was finally old enough to join Spring 4-H and he started raising pigs. Bryan joined in as a family affair. Doug and Joretta were always right there involved with their kids. Doug became involved in Spring Tri-Club once again, serving as Livestock chairperson a few times, Bylaw/Rules chairperson, Decoration Chairperson and served on the Executive Board for several years. Doug and Joretta are known for the “transformation” of the Nagy Pavilion. They have spent countless hours painting and decorating for the show every year. They have always wanted the show facilities to look nice for the exhibitors and the buyers.

Thank you Doug and Joretta Hudson for your 34 years of dedication and support to the Spring Tri-Club Show.

